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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A PART OUT OF
REINFORCED PLASTICS MATERIAL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

Sub B2 17. (Added) An apparatus for manufacturing a reinforced plastics material part from a sheet of drapable material by using a mold comprising first and second mold portions that are movable relative to each other, comprising:

means for placing the sheet on the first portion of the open mold;

means for pressing the sheet against the first portion at one or more locations

by means of one or more pushers mounted on the second portion of the mold and movable relative to said second portion;

means for closing the mold, a portion of the sheet projecting from the join plane after the mold has closed;

means for compacting the sheet;

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